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On 8 October 1953 the following commodity prices were in effect in Ongjin-gun (N 37-49, E 124-58) (XB-7387), Hwanghae Province.¹

| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Unit²</u> | <u>Price in Won</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Rice (polished) | 1 small mal. | 550 |
| Millet | 1 small mal. | 450 |
| Beans (red) | 1 small mal. | 500 |
| Beans (green) | 1 small mal. | 550 |
| Wheat | 1 small mal. | 380 |
| Barley | 1 small mal. | 350 |
| Peas | 1 small mal. | 300 |
| Pencils | 1 | 50 |
| Notebooks | 1 | 50 |
| Newspaper | 25 sheets per month (1 year) | 680 |
| Newspaper | 20 sheets per month (1 year) | 500 |
| Paper (sliding window) | 20 sheets | 350 |
| Rubber shoes (black, men's) | 1 pair | 1,500 |

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| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>Price in Won</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Rubber shoes (black, women's) | 1 pair | 1,300 |
| Rubber shoes (white, men's) | 1 pair | 2,000 |
| Rubber shoes (white, women's) | 1 pair | 1,800 |
| Socks | 1 pair | 250 |
| Cigarettes (first quality) | 1 package | 150 |
| Cigarettes (second quality) | 1 package | 80 |
| Matches | 1 package | 20 |
| Kerosene | 4 hop | 800 |
| Soap (laundry) | 1 bar | 180 |
| Cotton cloth | 1 yard | 200 |
| Cotton cloth (wide) | 1 yard | 400 |
| Diazine | 1,000 tablets | 20,000 |
| Cow | 1 head | 20,000 |

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Comments

1. Prices are in North Korean won. For additional information concerning commodity prices in North Korea, see [REDACTED] 25X1A
2. The western equivalents of the Korean units of measurement used in this report are as follows: small mal, one quarter of a bushel or a little less than 15 pounds; hop, .3 pint.

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